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Letter dated 27 January 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a communication from the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir Putin, to the President of the State of Israel, Mr. Moshe Katsav, in connection with the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the communication to be circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, in connection with agenda item 72.

(*Signed*) Andrey **Denisov**

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Annex to the letter dated 27 January 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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By a resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations, 27 January 2006 has been declared the first International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

I see in that resolution, which was adopted unanimously, the firm will of the international community to pass on to future generations the truth about the barbaric crimes of Nazism and to protect humanity from the scourges of xenophobia, racism and extremism.

I am convinced that commemorating the millions of victims of Nazism will commit us to waging an uncompromising battle against all manifestations of national and religious discord. I wish to reiterate that the Russian Federation will continue to work consistently to promote the development of dialogue between civilizations and the strengthening of values of mutual respect and tolerance.

May you enjoy much health and success, and may our friends, the people of Israel, thrive and live in peace and well-being.

V. Putin